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Convention Postponed

A flash from the Central Office states that the regular biennial convention of Phi Rho Sigma, originally scheduled to be held in New Orleans late in December, 1940, has been postponed indefinitely.

According to the dispatch, postponement of the convention has been determined upon by vote of the Executive Council. No details are available at present concerning the reasons for the change, nor has a substitute date been selected.

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Professional Interfraternity Conference

The Professional Interfraternity Conference, embracing the fields of architecture, chemistry, commerce, dentistry, education, engineering, law, medicine, and pharmacy, has recently circulated the proceedings of its 1939 meeting. These proceedings contain many items of interest and value to all members of professional fraternities, and copies may be obtained from H. G. Wright, 222 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

In order that members of Phi Rho Sigma may become better acquainted with the Conference, we are taking the liberty of reprinting its purposes:

1. To aid, improve, and strengthen the professional fraternity.
2. To provide a co-operative organization for professional fraternities where their mutual problems may be discussed and means provided for their solution.
3. To collect, publish, and distribute information and data of value to the professional fraternity.
4. To effect a better understanding of the purposes and functions of the professional fraternity on the part of the educational world and the public at large.
5. To work in harmony and co-opera-

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Proclamation

By virtue of the power invested in me as President of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Council, I hereby decree that, on October 31, 1940, or as near that date as may be convenient, all chapters of this Fraternity, singly or in groups, shall hold special meetings in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity. Programs at such meetings will be of a nature appropriate to the occasion. It is especially desired that this unusual opportunity to renew our knowledge of the history, ideals, and outstanding personalities of Phi Rho Sigma be utilized to the utmost advantage. Reports of the proceedings of these celebrations shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fraternity.

JONATHAN FORMAN, President

Attest:

RALPH W. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

September 3, 1940.

Searcy First in Pellagra

According to an article in the April, 1940, issue of *The Zetan*, a Michigan alumnus was the first to report and to work on pellagra in the United States. The distinguished brother was George H. Searcy, graduate of Tulane University and of the University of Michigan Medical School, who spent a large part of his life in practice in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The initial report appeared in the *J. A. M. A.* in 1906. This was followed by a series of experiments on the negro insane at the Alabama Insane Hospital, where Dr. Searcy was assistant superintendent for six years. These experiments, which were not published, were aimed at clarification of the etiology of pellagra, with special emphasis on

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Plans Grow for Anniversary Celebration

Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Phi Rho Sigma promises to be one of the outstanding events in the history of the Fraternity. In accordance with the plans of the Executive Council, and under the direction of a special committee, Phi Rho groups all over the country will meet on or about October 31, 1940, to pay double tribute to the Founders and to the Fraternity on its fiftieth birthday.

The general theme of these widespread celebrations will naturally be historical, but the historical aspect, interesting as it is, will be stressed with a special purpose; namely, one of orientation of the past with respect to the present and future.

Most of the chapters will hold banquets and have special speakers to sound the keynote of the evening. In cities where more than one chapter is located, or in districts where chapters are in close proximity even though in different cities, group meetings are planned so as to avoid duplication of effort and to add the zest of larger numbers to the occasion. Such joint celebrations will be held in Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis, Omaha, and New Orleans. It has been estimated that on this memorable evening, 3000 Phi Rho's will gather to pay homage to their Fraternity.

A special anniversary souvenir is being prepared and will be distributed to all who attend the meetings. This will be in the form of an attractive booklet containing a brief history of the founding, development, and achievements of

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Advantages of a Career in the United States Public Health Service

By Joseph W. Mountin, M. D.,
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Physicians of previous generations had open to them but a single avenue along which they might pursue their professional career—the practice of medicine as entrepreneurs. To this specific pattern of life were attracted men with an assemblage of endowments and accomplishments of wide variety. Regardless of physique, intellect, culture, ability, personality, or other attributes, all were destined to pursue essentially the same professional course. A relatively high proportion of the medical graduates had the good fortune to be fitted by nature for private practice. More of them, however, found the requirements of daily routine rather exacting but by making one type of adjustment or other were able to establish a moderately successful and happy place in the scheme; while a fairly significant number experienced only disappointment in a calling for which they obviously were not suited. Once in this conventional design a medical graduate had no choice but to continue, since other opportunities had not been developed, to any great extent, wherein his educational equipment might be utilized.

Today, upon completing the prescribed course of study and supervised experience, the young physician is fortunate in being able to pursue his chosen profession in a variety of ways. Treatment of the sick no doubt will always be the focal point in medical education; consequently, the great majority of graduates will prefer clinical medicine. Teaching has its attractions for some, while others may wish to confine themselves to research and laboratory work. With the rapid development of public health work and an increasing tendency for medical service to be furnished through institutions and organizations of other types, administrative positions are growing in popularity and importance.

Just as there is today a choice in type of medical careers, so there is a choice in mode of remuneration. Compensation may be in the form of fees for services to individuals, of a stipulated salary, or of a combination of the two. All modes of remuneration have advantages and disadvantages; likewise the young physician is bound to experience certain disappointments and rewards regardless of the field within medicine that he pursues. But, if a decision can be reached in respect to mode of remuneration, the matter of shaping a career is very much simplified.

For those who elect a salaried position, numerous agencies and organizations offer employment in selected fields. Outstanding among organizations which should have an appeal for recent medical graduates is the United States Public Health Service. A young physician in the Commissioned Corps of this organization may select a line of endeavor from almost the entire gamut of the medical field, and his professional development will be determined only by ability, training, and devotion to duty.

The history of the United States Public Health Service dates back almost to the beginning of this Republic. By Act of Congress in 1798 it had its origin as the Marine Hospital Service, whose function was to furnish medical care to sick and disabled seamen of the American Merchant Marine. From this rather obscure beginning the Public Health Service, through successive Acts of Congress, has increased in functions. It now stands as the principal medical and public health agency of the United States Government, marked for its stability of organization, high quality of service, and acknowledged medical prestige. For many years the Public Health Service operated under the Treasury Department, but recently it became a unit in the newly established Federal Security Agency.

From the point of view of a medical graduate, the work of the Public Health Service can be classified in four general categories: administration, clinical medicine, research, and public health. Each represents a general type of work which offers many distinct attractions to young medical officers of different tastes.

A Surgeon General, selected from among the regular Commissioned Corps, directs the affairs of the Service through eight administrative divisions as follows: Division of Domestic Quarantine (States Relations), Division of Scientific Research (National Institute of Health), Division of Foreign and Insular Quarantine and Immigration, Division of Marine Hospitals and Relief, Division of Venereal Disease, Division of Mental Hygiene, Division of Sanitary Reports and Statistics, and the Division of Personnel and Accounts. Each of the foregoing units is under the charge of an Assistant Surgeon General who, in turn, has a staff of commissioned medical officers and such other personnel as the needs may require. From this nucleus in Washington, D. C., the work of the Public Health Service is studied, planned, and organized so as to facilitate action by other administrative officers in various parts of the United States, its possessions, and foreign countries. These medical officers in executive positions supervise and guide the activities of approximately 8,000 employees. In this type of work medically trained men, interested in and with ability for administrative medical positions, find opportunity for professional achievement.

Clinical work is carried on for the most part by the Division of Marine Hospitals and Relief and the Division of Mental Hygiene. The Division of Marine Hospitals and Relief operates 26 large marine hospitals proper and 124 relief stations; these are located throughout the United States and its possessions according to their peculiar purposes. At hospitals and relief stations intramural and ambulatory care is furnished to 18 types of legal beneficiaries such as merchant seamen, veterans, and Federal employees. The magnitude of general clinical work performed by this Division can be readily grasped when one considers that in 1939 a total of 405,424 persons were furnished medical service which is represented by 2,028,264 hospital days and 1,391,785 office visits. Additional clinical

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Phi Rho Pioneering With Curare

Members of the Fraternity have been pleased to note the well-deserved praise accorded Dr. A. E. Bennett, *Iota*, Omaha, for his clinical experimentation in the use of curare to decrease the motor phenomena accompanying convulsive shock therapy for various psychoses. A particularly interesting account of some of this work is to be found in an article entitled "Black Magic and Men in White" in the June 29, 1940, issue of *The Saturday Evening Post.*

The article just mentioned should be especially interesting to medical students, as it includes a firsthand account of the preparation of the South American Indian arrow poison which generations of sophomores have viewed as a sort of pharmacological curiosity useful for keeping the frogs confined to the general vicinity of the experimenter. Apparently, curare is now to become an important part of the physician's armamentarium; its specific paralytic effect on the motor end plates of skeletal muscle is being employed to relax spasticity and, as above mentioned, to control the motor phenomena of convulsions. Important work on the identification of the active principles of the drug and on methods of standardization is now in progress.

At the recent meeting of the American Medical Association in New York, a certificate of merit "based on originality and excellence of presentation" was awarded Dr. Bennett and his collaborators for an exhibit illustrating pharmacologic and clinical investigations carried out with the crude curare.

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Phi Rho First at Indiana

Here is an official communique with some *good* news. Dean W. D. Gatch, of the School of Medicine, University of Indiana, has informed the Central Office that Jack C. Shrader, *Pi*, led the Class of 1940 in scholarship. In recognition of this achievement, Brother Shrader was awarded the Ravdin Medal, which is given annually to the student who stands first in his class.

Chapter and Alumni News

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

An old-fashioned stag party was held in April to honor visiting rushees and alumni. A variety of entertainment was offered, and the chapter was particularly impressed by the antics of two of its members, J. R. Jones and Joe Ben Jarvis. Oscar A. Hamilton read a poem on the occasion, while Franklin Yeager told some of his tall tales. In addition, all enjoyed the accordion playing and Scotch songs of Pledge Jack Reid, otherwise known as "the Senator".

In May, a smoker was held at the chapter house. A goodly number of alumni attended, and, following a buffet supper, short speeches were heard. Dr. C. M. Grigsby gave a short resume of past experiences, and Dr. Collier Rucker spoke on "Problems Confronting the Doctor Following His Internship". Speaking on fraternity matters, Dr. Ezro T. Woods gave the chapter some practical advice on the relationship between the undergraduate and the alumnus. Past-president Jarvis explained plans for the next school year, and H. J. Wilkins spoke on the proposed library room.

The library room in the chapter house will be completed before the opening of the school year this fall. Books and periodicals are donations from alumni and undergraduates. It is the intention of Alpha Omicron to enlarge the stock as opportunity permits. Provisions have also been made for a powder room off the library. This suite can therefore be used by the ladies during social affairs.

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

The formal initiation and banquet of Eta Chapter were held at the Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha, February 22, 1940. Newly initiated members were as follows: William F. Bowen, Charles E. Donley, Merle A. Harrison, Glen Heidepriem, Don H. Manning, James A. Cornish, Robert J. Delaney, Francis D. Donahue, Rafael G. Dufficy, David G. Eldridge, John J. Eustermann, Robert G. Gallimore, and John E. Krettik.

Twenty-two alumni attended the banquet. With a large number of undergraduates, this group made an impressive showing. Dr. Charles McMartin was toastmaster and introduced as speakers Drs. H. F. Gerald, G. Fast, L. B. McGuire, Fred Schwertley, S. D. Maiden, and Ernest Kelley.

The annual spring dinner-dance was held at the Hotel Paxton, Omaha, on March 30, 1940. This affair was under the direction of Avery B. Wight. Following the dinner, Phi Rho Sigma keys were presented to senior members of the Fraternity. Dr. L. B. McGuire acted as toastmaster. Those awarded keys were: Michael J. Clarke, Arthur F. Gore, Jack M. Hayes, Richard A. Matlock, Victor C. Myers, James A. McGuire, John M. Petrich, William L. Ross, Avery B. Wight, and John A. Williams.

The annual election of officers was held April 9, 1940. The following were selected to serve the chapter for the current year: President, Nicholas D. Bonfilio; Vice-president, C. Thomas Hagan, Recording Secretary, John J. Eustermann; Corresponding Secretary, Charles P. McCoy; Treasurer and House Manager, John A. Walz; Sergeant-at-arms, Francis D. Donahue; Pledge Master, Robert J. Delaney.

Two members of Eta Chapter, Nicholas Bonfilio and Jean A. Sarrail, were initiated into Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honorary Society, on April 14, 1940. At Creighton, this society is composed of two representatives from each of the professional schools. This marks the fifth consecutive year that representatives from the medical school have been members of Phi Rho Sigma.

At the annual election of the Board of Governors of the Student's Union of Creighton University, held May 3, 1940, Glen Heidepriem was chosen as the representative from the medical school.

On May 11, 1940, Spring Open House was held. About seventy guests were entertained. Following the gathering at the chapter house, all adjourned for a picnic in one of Omaha's fine city parks.

Joseph N. Hamm, '41, has interrupted his studies at the School of Medicine to occupy a fellowship in Anatomy at George Washington School of Medicine, Washington, D. C.

Charles M. Swab was recently appointed head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the School of Medicine, Creighton University.

Robert Booher has received a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Leo T. Heywood is resident in Obstetrics at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

James A. McGuire has accepted a three year residency in Stoke's Clinic, Philadelphia, Pa. This service is to begin following his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, Colo.

EMORY UNIVERSITY

G. Darrell Ayer, Jr., former house officer at Grady Hospital, has been appointed pathologist at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, N. Y., and director of the Otsego County Laboratory. After spending several months at Grady, he went to Harvard University as a member of the Department of Pathology, which position he held at the time of his recent appointment by Bassett Hospital officials and county officers. A member of the American Association of Pathologists, he has long been interested in the pathology of kidney diseases and has written several publications on the subject. He also has been connected with the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and the Boston-Lying-In Hospital.

Purcell Roberts has opened an office for the practice of Internal Medicine at 5 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass., after completing a two-year residency in the Joseph H. Pratt Diagnostic Hospital, New England Medical Center. His post-graduate training included also a house officership at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, in Medicine, service of Prof.

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Be Prepared

At the present writing, legislation is pending which may seriously involve medical students and hence the Fraternity. As a matter of fact, the national selective service or "draft" legislation will probably be in effect by the time this editorial appears in print. So far, there has been no indication that medical students, as a class, will be given any special consideration. Furthermore, it is by no means certain what attitude the government may take toward fraternal organizations. During the last war, you may remember, all undergraduate chapters were ordered disbanded.

In view of these facts, and in keeping with the general principle that pessimism is the best basis for adequate preparation, Phi Rho Sigma should be laying plans for certain possible contingencies. Our chapters may find themselves suddenly depleted of members or, at the very worst, rendered completely inactive. There is apt to be real difficulty in collecting money even for maintenance. Pledging may fall off appreciably. It is extremely important, therefore, that each chapter begin now to get its internal "housekeeping" in order, to be wary of assuming unwarranted obligations, to provide for the most efficient carrying out of normal chapter functions—to be ready, in short, for whatever may come, so that emergencies may be met with a minimum of confusion and without lasting damage to the chapter and Fraternity structure.

This is not an hysterical or alarmist viewpoint. The facts are fairly clear and they point to definite possibilities. We must be prepared to meet them.

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On the Spot

Fraternities in general are going through some bad days. It seems that we are now in the midst of one of those periodically recurring barrages of criticism levelled essentially at what is commonly termed "the fraternity system", whatever that may be. Being fundamentally worthy types of organization, filling, as they do, certain definite needs felt by college students and alumni, fraternities have in the past triumphed over mere criticism and have even been known to profit by it. The current onslaught, however, is apt to be much more difficult to combat, and it is no secret, in fraternity circles, that the situation is something about which to worry. The widespread circulation of the mediums through which the criticism is being purveyed and the magic powers of photography to convince are proving particularly effective against Greek-letter fraternalism. When the propaganda takes the form of fiction, one is almost powerless to raise specific objections or to develop an effective counter-attack.

There is no reason, at present, for THE JOURNAL to enter the polemic, nor has the editor any intention of so doing. For the moment, the professional fraternities are not under fire, and there is good reason to believe that they may escape unscathed, not because of any innate superiority on their part but because they are going about their respective businesses quietly and because they have no "collegiate" traditions which are apt to cloud their real purposes and objectives. At the same time, whether professional or social, fraternities have certain points in common, and criticism of one type is at least potential criticism of all. Furthermore, adverse comment is never to be taken lightly; it is one of the first indications of the need for self-evaluation. Are there any particular points at which professional fraternities are vulnerable? If so, eventual attack may be anticipated, and a strengthening of the fortifications is in order.

One of the storm-centers in the current controversy is the perverted notion that campus prestige depends upon one's supporting a Greek monogram on the manly (or otherwise) bosom. If there actually exist any university campi so completely undemocratic, there is grave possibility that a similar myth may develop concerning professional schools. This eventuality should be relatively easy to prevent, and fraternity members should be most careful that it is not allowed to develop. Nothing is gained in the long run by obscuring the truth; the most ardent frater must not delude himself into feeling that membership in a fraternity confers upon him immunity from the obligations of gentlemen.

It is obvious to the most casual observer that the inexperienced in fraternity affairs, and many of those who should know better, confuse the traditional trappings of fraternalism with the real meaning. One might surmise, therefore, that fraternities have not been in the habit of publicizing their true objectives in a clear and convincing manner. This pitfall, too, should be relatively easy for the professional fraternity to avoid. The professional nature of such organizations must be kept ever in the foreground, and the members must be professional first and fraternal secondarily. Such a course implies more than lip-service to the avowed objects of the fraternity.

Fraternity life is susceptible to certain abuses by individuals who are inclined in that direction. The fact that similar infractions against decency and propriety are probably more common out of than in fraternal circles does not help out the fraternities. Criticism on this score may any day be directed

toward professional fraternities. Whether such accusations will be justified is entirely beside the point. Prevention here seems to involve two main features; namely, care in the selection of members, and example. All fraternities exercise care in the selection of new members, in theory. There are times, however, when competition is so keen that the temptation to let down the bars a little is almost too great to resist. Every profession has, as the foundation of its particular code of ethics, decency. Fraternities, which purport to champion ethics, can not afford to neglect the very basis of ethics. Hence, the lowering of standards is intolerable. The importance of example in molding opinions requires no comment.

Forewarned is forearmed. There is a trace of handwriting on the wall. Professional fraternities will do well to take stock of themselves, that they may avoid the appearance of evil as well as evil itself. They have not too much reason to be smug in the presence of a cyclone.

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Henry A. Christian, *Nu*, and a residency in Cardiology at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. Dr. Roberts will continue on the staff of Pratt Hospital and will be Instructor in Medicine, Tufts Medical School. He will also act as Medical Supervisor of the Health Service of Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, Boston University Medical School, under the direction of Dr. Chester Keefer. The above comes to Dr. Roberts at the age of 29. It will be recalled that he was first honor graduate of the class of '35 in Emory University School of Medicine, was president of his class his senior year, president of student body, and a member of O.D.K. The members of Phi Rho Sigma, and Chi Beta Chapter especially, congratulate Brother Purcell on his continued achievements and wish him success in his new work.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Beta Chapter elected the following officers on March 6, 1940: President, Elbert E. Carlson; Vice-president, George Nelson; Treasurer, Everett Peterson; Secretary, Milton Beuhrig; Commissar, Jack Williams; Corresponding Secretary, Joseph Provenzano; Sergeant-at-arms, William Chambers; Social Chairman, Armond Albrecht.

The annual meeting and banquet for alumni were held at the chapter house on April 10, 1940.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The annual spring initiation and banquet were held at the chapter house on Saturday March 9, 1940. Fifteen men were welcomed into brotherhood as the ritual was impressively presented in an afternoon ceremony. The initiates were as follows: Warren Austin, Walter Scheuerman, Charles Tolle, Charles Climie, James Collins, Glenn House, William Jend, Keith Keeler, Howard Keiser, Charles Sears, Karel Slatmyer, Robert Stobbelaar, Julian Torrey, Edward Van Auken, and Keats Vining. Of these, the first named was a senior, the next two sophomores, and the remainder freshmen.

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Zeta Scoops Greek World

Lily Pons and Zetans at Chapter House, May 8, 1940

On the evening of May 8, 1940, Lily Pons, Metropolitan Opera star who never before had entered a fraternity, was feted by Phi Rho Sigma at the University of Michigan. The climax of the evening was the presentation to Miss Pons of the Fraternity pin with a Zeta guard.

Plans for the affair were arranged by Harold M. Jesurun and Warren Austin, now interns at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Unknown to the brothers these two carried on extensive correspondence with Miss Pons before her arrival in Ann Arbor for the annual May Festival. Because of her "fondness for doctors" she accepted the invitation. There were a few requirements that had to be met by the members: informality was the rule and there could not be smoking or other women present. At that, she admitted, "I was never so embarrassed in my life—I've never been with so many men." Miss Pons was accompanied by her secretary.

All of the chapter's fifty-five members turned out for Phi Rho's social scoop of the year. Arrangements had been secretly planned so that everything ran smoothly, except for one thing: Brothers Austin and Jesurun had so many last minute details to handle that they kept Miss Pons waiting for five minutes in the lobby of the Michigan League. A banquet at the house was followed by an emergency operation for heart block on one of the members. Hardy third floor boys were cast as surgeons and nurses for the delicate procedure. The result was the removal of a heart (Phi Rho's) which contained the pin and guard presented to Miss Pons by house president Robert Davies. A complete pathological report of the case of Dan Cupid vs. Miss Pons followed. Further entertainment consisted of the singing of fraternity songs by the brothers —to all outward appearances very much enjoyed by the guest of honor.

Book Reviews

By "The Medicine Man"

"The greatest pleasure in life is that of reading while we are young."

William Hazlitt

You're the Doctor.

By Victor Heiser, M. D. Norton, New York, $3.00.

If you read the "Doctor's Odyssey" you will probably like this book. The book is addressed to normal people who want to keep themselves well. An intelligent approach to the subject.

Mind Explorers.

By J. K. Winkler and W. Bromberg. Reynal & Hitchcock, $3.00.

This is the story of the lives and achievements of those men who have established psychology as a science. It starts with the beginning in the year 1790 and ends with today.

Doctor Hudson's Secret Journal.

By Lloyd C. Douglas. Houghton, Mifflin Company, $2.50.

Readers of "Magnificent Obsession", "Green Light", and "Disputed Passage" will enjoy this latest book. Doctor Hudson learned a secret about living. If interested, read the book.

The Note Books of Leonardo.

Edited by Edward MacCurdy. Reynal & Hitchcock, New York, $5.00.

You now get in one volume this great treasure house of thought in all fields of human knowledge. The anatomical studies are worth much to the medical student and doctor.

Her Soul to Keep.

By Margaret Mooers Marshall. Macrae-Smith Company, Philadelphia, $2.00.

A novel all about Joyce Randolph, the trained nurse, and that unscrupulous Doctor Warren Faulkner with his curly hair and way with women.

Women in White.

By Lee M. Klinefelter. E. P. Dutton & Company, New York, $2.00.

A good book for girls who are thinking of going into any of the side-lines of medicine. The dietician, pharmacist, occupational therapist, medical technologist, etc., are dealt with.

Medical Climatology. Climatic and Weather Influence in Health and Disease. *By Clarence A. Mills, M. D. Charles C. Thomas, $4.50.*

I heard Doctor Mills the other night at the Wayne County Medical Society, and his talk was certainly most interesting, ending as it did on the matter of "Season of Birth". This book is sure, I think, to be of interest to all of us. Whether you will agree with some of his theories is another matter.

The Story of Surgery.

By Harvey Graham (nom de plume of a famous English Surgeon.)

Doubleday, Doran & Company, New York, $3.75.

With a lusty introduction by Oliver St. John Gogarty, the Irish medical wit (I heard him talk the other evening on Irish literature and he lives up to his reputation).

This book has been acclaimed as the best book of its kind tracing surgery from the earliest days to now.

What It Means To Be A Doctor.

By Dwight Anderson. Public Relations Bureau, Medical Society of the State of New York, 2 East 103rd Street, New York City. 25c in paper, $1.00 in cloth.

Would be a good idea if every medical student could have a copy. If you order 50 copies, the price is 15c in paper cover. Few people have any idea of what one has to do in order to become a doctor. Here is the answer.

The Medical Career.

By Harvey Cushing. Little, Brown & Company, Atlantic Monthly Press, $2.50.

A salute to the great man who recently passed to his reward. Don't forget besides the scientific books his two-volume work on Osler. In this modest volume the famous brain surgeon discusses his profession and some of the distinguished men of American Medicine. Like the little book mentioned above, this is for all prospective and present medical students.

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Agramonte Premedical Society

A club for premedical students, to be known as the Agramonte Premedical Society, has recently been organized at Loyola University of the South. The newest of many similar organizations throughout the country, this society has as its objects the preparation of its members for the study of medicine, the study of the history and culture of medicine, support of the highest ideals of ethics and exemplary conduct among its members, and the promotion of fraternal co-operation among the members. To be eligible for membership, students must have successfully completed the first year in the premedical curriculum at the university, and must be certified by the chairman of the premedical committee of the faculty.

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The banquet, also held in the chapter house, followed the initiation. In addition to a full turnout of undergraduates, eighteen alumni attended. Proceedings were in the capable hands of Ed Webb, who acted as toastmaster. The chief speakers were Dr. Buell H. Van Leuven and Dr. Stuart Wilson. Dr. Grover C. Penberthy was to appear on the program, but was unfortunately not able to attend the banquet. One of the most interesting features of the affair was the annual ceremony attending the cup award. The cup is an oil can bolted onto an inverted saucepan; a small rubber ball is impaled on the spout of the oil can. This handsome trophy is awarded to the brother most adept at "flagrantly falsifying fluency". The cup passed this year from Ed Webb to Jack Payton. All agreed that the new recipient was appropriately chosen. The meeting ended in a mixture of creamy foam and exalted conversation.

Robert H. Davies, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been elected president of Zeta Chapter for the current year. Brother Davies has served the chapter in official capacities almost since his initiation; he was recorder during his first year and secretary during the second. Under his leadership, Zeta expects to continue her enviable record as leader among medical fraternity groups on the Michigan campus.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The annual dinner was held at the Minnesota Club in St. Paul on Saturday evening, April 20. This was a gala day for Phi Rho's in Minnesota because it marked the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of Theta Chapter at Hamline University on April 28, 1900, and also the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of Tau Chapter at the University of Minnesota, April 15, 1905.

Dr. Alfred W. Adson, *Iota*, Chief of Neuro-surgery at the Mayo Foundation, and former President of the Minnesota State Medical Association, was the principal speaker. The National Fraternity was represented by Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa*, who gave a brief talk on the plans being formulated for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Phi Rho Sigma on October 31.

Frederick A. Willius addressed the

scientific session of the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Allegheny County Medical Society, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 14, 1940. His subject was "Coronary Disease".

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Repercussions from the Alumni Smoker are still reaching our unashamed ears. One would think that after Thomas and Wilson had worked so hard to cook up a tasty poetical stew the victims would give in with a laugh. Most of them have—but one occasionally imagines that a few were equipped with delayed action fuses. However, no bones were broken, and we think we'll try more of the same next year. (Note: any editor or publisher looking for a play might get in touch with Dr. Florea; his manuscript, minus sound effects, is still available to anyone paretic enough to smuggle it past the censor.)

Monsieur Neal, the indispensable Maitre d'Hotel chez Phi Rho Sigma, generously gave the seniors a banquet with his compliments. Our treasurer, to show his estimation of said seniors, gave each one ten cents, which is probably more than any of them will see for some years. With this dubious blessing, forth they went to their internships. (Ed. Note: See list of internship appointments for details.)

The Alpha Association and Ladies' Auxiliary have been busy giving the house a face-lifting. The boys, when they return, will have to ask twice before they recognize the old place. New stone flooring, a few partitions knocked out (following the current European custom), and a considerable amount of indirect lighting have contrived to give the place the general aspect of the Pump Room. Now Neal can serve the same thing seven times a week merely by changing the lighting effects. The entrance hall is undergoing alterations, too, in an attempt to make it look less like an entrance hall. Further alterations have resulted in increased accommodations for the men. This is welcome news, since ten men were pledged this spring, with more to come in the fall.

Gustav S. Link has an appointment as resident in Pathology and Urology at Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago; Vernon C. Voltz is resident in Ophthalmology at Cook County Hospital, Chicago; Dean Spear is resident in Ophthalmology at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago; James H. Cooper is resident in Ophthalmology at University Hospital, Ann Arbor; John W. Hooker is resident in Pathology at Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia; Donald C. Monqeau is resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago; Joseph A. Buchman is resident at City Hospital, Boston.

William H. Cleveland, having completed a three-year fellowship in Surgery at the Mayo Clinic and one year as first assistant to Dr. Walters, has been appointed assistant surgeon beginning July 1, 1940.

Francis H. Brown has started in practice at 134 West Prairie Avenue, Decatur, Ill.

After September 1, 1940, Edwin S. Peters will start in practice at 101 North Main Street, Masontown, Pa.

John R. Danstrom is practicing at the Bowie Clinic, Bowie, Texas.

Orland S. Olsen has started in practice at 123 West 14th Street, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Robert H. Smith is located at 636 Church Street, Evanston, Ill.

Malcolm H. Sawyer is associated with Dr. Charles B. Beymer in the practice of Surgery in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Charles B. Kimmell is located at 725 Fourth St., Marysville, Cal.

Ray Baxter has moved from Wichita Falls, Texas, to 704 Peoples Bank Building, Bloomington, Ill.

William J. Perry has opened offices in the Morehead Building, Broadway, corner Fourth Street, Chico, Cal.

Harold O. Hallstrand has been appointed as one of the new residents in Surgery at the Johnson's Emergency City Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., for two years.

William F. Hovis, Jr., has been appointed senior intern in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Milwaukee County Hospital, Wauwatosa, for one year.

William Daniels, Jr., has been appointed as first year resident in Pediatrics for next year at Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

Max Miller will continue as a senior intern at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Charles V. Perrill has returned to India for medical missionary service. He has an appointment as Surgeon in Charge at the Clara Swain (Methodist) Hospital at Bareilly, U. P., India. His wife, who is also a physician, accompanied him and will have charge of the women's and children's divisions of the Clara Swain Hospital.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The men of Omega are great for eating (as who is not), especially when they can boast as their special chef the president of the Fraternity. Throughout the past year, Jonathan Forman has been regaling the brethren with samples of his culinary skill. The latest gastronomic debauch was a seafood dinner, served at the chapter house on May 17, 1940. All who felt themselves running low on iodine attended, as did many whose caloric and mineral intakes seemed quite adequate. There was plenty of bounty from the deep—and Jonathan is some cook.

D. K. Edler has been appointed to the board of education of Westerville, Ohio.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The first of May saw the completion of Lambda Phi Chapter's most ambitious project of recent years. Back in January there began to take form the idea of transforming the cellar of the fraternity house into a recreation room. The boys look back on the work of the past three months with a sense both of pride and satisfaction. Not only did the amateur carpenters find real fun in the work, but, far more important, their enthusiastic labor has effected a most remarkable change and a definite improvement in the house. During the past few week-ends the boys have been celebrating the completion of the work by getting full benefit from it. Apparently the investment is giving real returns to everyone. Come on, all you Phi Rho's in and around Philadelphia; drop in at the house and share in those returns.

Alumni of the chapter will be glad, and doubtless more than a little surprised, to learn that William McDaniel, known to all the fellows as "Dan" is now in his twentieth year as houseman at Lambda Phi. As you might well imagine, "Dan" is a vital cog in the machinery of house maintainence. Always interested in the welfare of the men of the fraternity, he is ever glad to see the returning alumni and knows them all from 'way back.

Every member of the third year class had a junior internship this summer. Jim Murphy and Curt Ruff were at the State Training School, Polk. Fred Dry, Fred Lorish, and John Wenger interned in Concord, N. H., at the New Hampshire State Hospital for Mental Diseases. William Hoon and Gordon Massey were at Warren State Hospital, and Charles Hoffman at Lancaster General Hospital. Merle Swiney assisted his father at the Swiney Sanatorium, Bayonne, N. J. Edward Agnew has been accepted at Allentown Hospital, and Jim Dickson at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia.

The three Philadelphia chapters of Phi Rho Sigma held a smoker on Saturday evening, April 13, at which time the sixty or more present had a fine opportunity to form new and stronger inter-chapter friendships. It is hoped that next year may see additional social activities by the combined chapters of the city, and it has been proposed that two tri-chapter dances instead of one be held annually.

During the past month a most important step was taken by the medical fraternities here at the University of Pennsylvania. The Medical Interfraternity Council was organized, having as its purpose the better regulation of fraternity rushing, the direction of certain of the social functions, and the promotion of cooperation and interfraternity spirit in general. Previously, the only manifestation of interfraternity relations was the Interfraternity Ball, a formal dance held each spring. Additional social activities will now be possible, and it is felt that the formation of the Council has been a decided step forward which will work to the advantage of each and every member.

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Another Reminder

If the news item which you so thoughtfully sent in did not appear as soon as expected, it probably did not reach the editorial office in time. Our publication schedule requires that material must be in the hands of the editors four weeks in advance of the date of appearance of THE JOURNAL. Every effort is made to keep up to date on news, but the deadline is a tyrant, and you know how tyrants are. Your co-operation is solicited.

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Pellagra

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the question of infection. The conclusion reached by Dr. Searcy was that generally held today; namely, that pellagra is essentially a deficiency disease. Dr. Searcy was unable to produce the condition by any means excepting restriction of diet, and he was apparently fully cognizant of the importance of fresh vegetables in prevention of the disease.

Dr. Searcy died in 1935. Five years later, on February 21, 1940, a memorial service in his honor was held in Tuscaloosa. The program was "a citation presented . . . . by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama for pioneer work on pellagra and for meritorious services to mankind."

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Chapter and Alumni News

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Charles Hoffman, one of the leaders in the work of organization, and Bill Foulk have been elected Council Representatives from Phi Rho Sigma.

Robert Dilcher, Arthur Clay, Richard Kerdasha, Herbott Kerr, and Edward Keyte were among the many alumni of Lambda Phi Chapter to pay a visit to the house in the past few weeks.

Donald Glenn has received the position of resident physician in Medicine at the Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Pa.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

At a final business meeting prior to the summer vacation, the following officers were installed to serve Chi Chapter for the year: President, Deverson; Vice-president, Miller; Secretary, Townsend; Treasurer, Kielman; Historian, Cotter; Representatives to Interfraternity Council, Tetlow and McLaughlin.

Brother Tetlow was elected president of the Medical Interfraternity Council at its final spring meeting.

In recognition of outstanding services to the chapter, the members voted to present a Phi Rho Sigma key to the retiring president, C. H. W. Ruhe. Brother Ruhe held the offices of president and secretary and was active in rushing and as a member of the degree team. His cheerful, "Hey, did you take care of that stuff yet?" will be missed by the members of Chi Chapter, but Bill will be coming back as an alumnus.

Pittsburgh Phi Rho's were well represented on the program of the Tenth Councilor District Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, held in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, July 17, 1940. A clinic on General Surgery was conducted by J. P. Griffith, *Lambda Phi*, Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. J. West Mitchell presented the report of the Commission on Diabetes of the State Medical Society. New state laws affecting practitioners were discussed by C. L. Palmer. C. H. Henninger, President of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, presented testimonial certificates to members in practice over fifty years.

At the Eighth Annual Clinical Demonstration of the Pittsburgh Skin and Cancer Foundation, G. J. Kastlin, *Lambda Phi*, presented unusual problems in connection with neoplastic diseases and H. H. Permar demonstrated gross and microscopic specimens of skin tumors.

A. H. Colwell was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Westmoreland County Medical Society, held at Greensburg, Pa., May 16, 1940.

Carl E. Wasmuth discussed "Hyperthyroidism" at the regular monthly staff meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, May 9, 1940.

L. H. Osmond, *Kappa*, spoke on "X-ray Diagnosis of Disease of the Colon, with Special Reference to Air Inflation Method" before the staff meeting of St. Francis Hospital, May 6, 1940.

On the clinical program celebrating St. Joseph's Hospital Day, E. W. Jew discussed "Indications and Advantages of the Use of the Miller-Abbott Tube".

The annual election of the Allegheny County Medical Society was held May 14, 1940. As usual, the Fraternity is well represented among the officers chosen: J. P. Griffith, *Lambda Phi*, President-elect; S. R. Haythorn, *Zeta*, First Vice-president; J. West Mitchell, Member of the Board of Directors; C. H. Henninger and N. C. Ochsenhirt, Delegates; H. O. Pollock, Alternate Delegate.

C. L. Palmer has been chosen president, and R. L. Anderson treasurer, of the Medical Service Association of Pennsylvania.

Robert Zollinger, *Omega*, addressed the Pittsburgh Surgical Society on the subject, "The Surgical Treatment of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer; with a Discussion on the Physiological Basis for Various Types of Surgery", April 25, 1940.

John F. Maurer is now located at the First National Bank Bldg., Greensburg, Pa.

Millard C. Hanson, Health Director of the city of Toledo, Ohio, who formerly held a similar post in Mansfield, has resigned, effective August 1, 1940, to direct a syphilis control program in Pittsburgh.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Chi Delta elected the following officers for the coming year: Lane E. Mays, President; J. H. Jameson, Vice-president; Warren M. Snodely, Jr., Treasurer; William T. MacLaughlin, Recording Secretary; N. D. Ellis, Jr., Corresponding Secretary.

On the evening of April 5 the members of the chapter gave a party in honor of the seniors: Charles E. Timmerman, J. W. Bell, J. S. Wells, E. S. Shuler, H. B. Nylie, and J. T. Flynn Jr.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Delta Chapter reports a highly successful year and has already afoot plans to make the coming year equally as good. The summer rushing program has just been completed. The chapter and guests were entertained by Brothers J. J. Crane and Phil Cunnane early in June. On July 12, a garden party was given by Louis A. Alesen. C. A. Wright held an all-day stag party at his Laguna Beach home on August 18, and C. C. Cowin opened his place on Malibu Lake to the brothers on September 8.

The Southern California Alumni announce that, as of June 30, 1940, 99 members had paid dues to the organization.

Plans for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary are now complete, and will include a gala Founders' Day Banquet.

Herbert Huntington announces the removal of his Beverly Hills office to 1033 Gayley Avenue, Westwood Village.

Ralph M. Milliken has moved his office to 1930 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Lambda Chapter has elected the following officers for the current year: President, Warner D. Bundens, Jr.; Vice-president, Eugene J. Gillespie; Treasurer, M. Duane Mills; Secretary, Clarence L. Lehman; Steward, William F. Hanisek; Senior Warden, Lee H. Sanders; House Manager, Grover F. Zerbe.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Delta Omicron Alpha and Alpha Mu Chapters held a joint initiation in New Orleans on April 13, 1940. Some experimental modifications of the ritual were introduced and received general approval.

At the March meeting of the New Orleans Alumni Chapter, the following officers were nominated and at the May meeting elected: President, Edwin L. Zander; Vice-president, W. A. Wagner; Secretary-Treasurer, John B. Gooch; Executive Committeemen, George C. Battalora and Edwin A. Socola.

Among the officers and directors of the Orleans Parish Medical Society are Gilbert C. Anderson, *Alpha Beta*, President; Daniel J. Murphy, Third Vice-president; Edwin L. Zander, Secretary; and Max M. Green. Dr. Edmund L. Leckert, First Vice-president of the society, has been elected an honorary member of Phi Rho Sigma and will be initiated in December.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

New officers for Chi Theta Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma have been elected for the

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the Fraternity, together with pictures of some of its outstanding leaders throughout the years.

In charge of plans is a committee consisting of Past-presidents Stuart Wilson, D. E. W. Wenstrand, and Calhoun McDougall, President Jonathan Forman, Historian F. L. Jaubert, Editor Paul L. McLain, and William N. Anderson, representing the Pacific Coast.

1940-41 season as follows: Wyan Washburn, of Shelby, President; Russell Harris, Jr., of Charlotte, Vice-president; W. Nelson Thomas, of Oxford, Secretary; J. T. Wright, of South Mills, Treasurer; J. B. Kinlaw, of Elizabethtown, House Manager; A. M. Crouch, Jr., of Wilmington, Pan Hellenic Council representative; J. S. Nowell, of Franklinton, Reporter; C. C. Bryum, of Tyner, Sergeant-at-arms.

The new officers were installed early in March and during the past few weeks have assumed active duties in the chapter. At the installation meeting Dr. H. M. Vann, chapter sponsor and head of the Anatomy Department, told of plans for the medical school and Fraternity, which will be moved from Wake Forest to Winston-Salem, N. C., next year as the school expands from the two to the four year program.

The school has recently been endowed by the Bowman Gray Foundation, and a new $750,000 plant is being constructed in Winston-Salem. There the medical school will become an integral part of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and will affiliate with other hospitals of the city, giving the school the facilities of approximately 1000 general hospital beds.

Chi Theta Chapter is making plans to expand with the medical school and is now organizing alumni and making preliminary plans for a house and a suitable program of activities.

The annual spring smoker for the chapter was held the second week in April with a full house. Fun and entertainment were supplemented by addresses by Dean C. C. Carpenter, Dr. Camillo Artom of the Biochemistry Department, and Dr. C. T. Wilkinson, Instructor in Surgery. The largest number of pledges secured by Chi Theta in several years has been enrolled from next fall's class.

Emmet Lupton finished his intern work at Duke University Hospital this spring and is now with the North Carolina State Department of Health. He is located in Raleigh, N. C.

Samuel Allen Wilson is now located at the Crowell Clinic in Lincolnton, N. C.

C. Y. Washburn is in general practice at Mooresboro, N. C.

George T. Noel, Jr., is resident physician at New Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N. C. He has a new son.

Andrew White is located in Richmond, Va. He, also, is the proud father of a new son.

John Reece has accepted a position as Head of the Pathology Department of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta Chapter, at a meeting held at the chapter house April 24, elected the following fraters as officers for the year 1940-41: President, Randall Connolly, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Vice-president, Kirk Garretson, Oakland, California; Corresponding Secretary, J. Louis Schricker, Salt Lake City, Utah; Recording Secretary, Hugh Ashley, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Treasurer, John P. Lee, Rochester, New York; House Manager, James A. Kinder, Jr., Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Senior Warden, Daniel G. Santer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Randall Connolly announced his engagement to Miss Eleanor Virginia Rector, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, at a chapter dinner held Sunday, May 2, 1940.

Donald Bramwell and Miss Eva Stoll, of Cumberland, Wisconsin, were married June 14, 1940. After the ceremony the couple left for Corvallis, Oregon, where they will spend the summer.

Darwin Neubauer has been appointed senior intern in the Barnes Medicine Service for the year 1940-41.

Wilson G. Brown received appointment as resident in Pathology at the St. Louis City Hospital for the coming year.

Wade Robinson will be at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado, for the coming year.

George Bashom is entering the second year in Surgery at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. At the same hospital is Jerry Weaver, who is now entering his second year in Pediatrics.

Mark Brockbank is now practising medicine in Price, Utah.

Dr. Hoover announced the birth of a son, the first, Robert Dennis Hoover, in April. Dr. Hoover has an assistant residency in St. Louis City Hospital for the forthcoming year.

William D. Balfour was a guest at the chapter house for several days during the latter part of April. He is now engaged in practice in Oahu, one of the Hawaiian group of islands.

Willard Allen, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, addressed the chapter May 1 on "Female Sex Hormones". Dr. Allen has been responsible for much of the pioneering and present advancement in the field.

The baseball team of Alpha Delta retires from the field undefeated this year. All comers were not only defeated but thoroughly beaten. Much credit goes to John Lee for leading the team to such success.

Maj. Loren D. Moore announces change of address from Army Medical Museum, Washington, to Station Hospital, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

WAYNE UNIVERSITY

On Friday, April 12, 1940, a degree team consisting of Andrew Brown, Edgar Bruer, Edwin Bruer, Wendell Doering, Theodore Florentz, Thomas Fochtman, Frederick Hyde, Jr., and Philip Nova initiated six new members into Phi Rho Sigma. The ceremony was held in the chapter rooms. The neophytes were Howard Baker, Morton Bates, David Burnham, Ray Stojkovich, George Stump, and William Taurence.

The following evening was one long to be remembered in the history of Epsilon Chapter. There assembled in the chapter rooms, from all points of the compass, upwards of 90 loyal, enthusiastic Phi Rho's to attend the annual alumni banquet. Following the meal, which was something about which to write home, affairs were placed in the able hands of Dr. Allan McDonald, President of the Detroit Alumni Association, who served as toastmaster. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Russell W. Alles, who discussed "The Practice of Medicine—Its Joys and Responsibilities". Dr. Alles was followed by Stuart Wilson, Past-president of the Fraternity, Dudley M. Stewart, Councilor for Ohio, Ralph W. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer of Phi Rho Sigma, and Gilbert Anderson. Following the formal program, the fraters had ample opportunity for more intimate conversation, and so far into the night.

On May 24, 1940, the annual election of officers was held with the following results: President, Frederick W. Hyde, Jr.; Vice-president, Wendell Doering; Treasurer, Lawrence Grate; Corresponding Secretary, William Taurence; Recording Secretary, George Stump. At the conclusion of the election, the chapter decreed a vote of thanks to the retiring president, Thomas Fochtman.

Allan McDonald has been elected president of the Wayne County Medical Society, and Douglas Donald has been chosen chairman of the Medical Section.

William J. Stapleton, Jr., has been elected president of the Health Council of Metropolitan Detroit. Dr. Stapleton succeeds T. K. Gruber. Douglas Donald is a member of the executive council.

Russell W. Alles was chosen president of the Michigan Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists at the meeting on May 7, 1940.

A. Duane Beam is now located at 18139 Kercheval Ave., Detroit.

David M. Davidow is at 1055 Fisher Bldg., Detroit.

John L. Glees has moved to 231 Moran Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Vernon S. Lilly is at 1317 David Whitney Bldg., Detroit.

Phi Rho's in Recent Medical Literature

BAYLOR. W. COMPERE BASOM (Rochester, Minn.), and L. W. BRECK: Bone and Joint Tuberculosis with Special Reference to Its Incidence and Association with Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Med. Rec. 150: 361, Nov. 15, 1939.

W. COMPERE BASOM and F. H. KRUSEN: Easily Overlooked Conditions of the Back and Shoulder Girdle: Their Relation to Physical Therapy. Minn. Med. 22: 746, Nov. 1939.

HARVARD and OHIO STATE. ELLIOTT C. CUTLER (*Nu*, Boston) and ROBERT ZOLLINGER (*Omega*, Boston): Atlas of Surgical Operations, Macmillan, $8.00.

PENNSYLVANIA. GEORGE L. KING (*Lambda Phi*, Alliance, Ohio): Differential Diagnosis of Cough. Ohio State Med. Jour. 35: 1183, Nov. 1939.

N. S. WEINBERGER (*Lambda Phi*, Sayre, Pa.): Malignant Tumors of the Nasopharynx and Paranasal Sinuses. Ann. Otol. Rhin. & Laryng. 48: 203, March, 1939.

TEMPLE. MARSHALL STEWART (*Alpha Lambda*, Valhalla, N. Y.): A Simple Method of Producing Anesthesia During Removal of Transplants of Mucous Membrane. Arch. Ophthalmol. 22: 667, October, 1939.

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Public Health Service

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work is provided for by complete medical staffs of the Division of Mental Hygiene which serve numerous Federal institutions, the most important of which are 6 penitentiaries, 4 reformatories, 5 correctional institutions, 6 prison camps, and 2 hospitals for drug addiction. During the fiscal year of 1939 the average daily hospital population in these institutions was 2,500 patients, to whom over 1,500,000 treatments were given.

Medical research centers primarily in the widely known National Institute of Health which has its headquarters at Bethesda, Maryland, a short distance from the Capitol. This Division of the Public Health Service has branch laboratories in various sections of the world; in addition, investigatory projects of many colleges and universities are assisted through special grants in financial aid. A large staff of medical officers assigned to the National Institute works on problems in the field of biologics control, chemistry, industrial hygiene, infectious diseases, pathology, public health methods, zoology, epidemiology, and various elements of sanitation. From the National Institute of Health come many of the latest discoveries and advancements in medical and sanitary sciences.

Other divisions also undertake certain research problems as part of their regular activities. For example, the Division of Domestic Quarantine pursues studies in plague control; the Venereal Disease Division has an experimental treatment center at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, and a research laboratory at Staten Island, New York; the Division of Mental Hygiene has in progress studies of drug addiction at the two Federal narcotic hospitals, and in several of the Federal penal and correctional institutions studies on psychiatric aspects of crime. Because of the advantage of working in a stable, non-political governmental organization, medical research in the Public Health Service is well organized, continuous, and progressive.

In the past, a large number of research workers of this organization have gained wide recognition for their contributions to medical science. Probably the most outstanding of these are Carter, who paved the way for Walter Reed's discovery of mosquito transmission of yellow fever; Goldberger, who established the nutritional nature of pellagra; Armstrong, for his poliomyelitis work; Spencer, for his courageous and successful search for a vaccine to prevent Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Edward Francis for his outstanding work on tularemia. Francis is the only American to have discovered a disease, and to have established its cause, method of transmission, insect vector, and the animal hosts.

Public health work proper of the United States Public Health Service covers the whole range of environmental sanitation, personal hygiene, and community organization. In a supervisory and consultative capacity the Service acts as a co-ordinating influence with respect to health activities of state, county, and city agencies. Although there is no organic connection between state health departments and the Federal health service, these agencies operate through what in effect is a partnership. The work is so intimately correlated and integrated that each state health agency can be looked upon almost as an outpost of the central service; and in a reciprocal way the states may look to their national counterpart for guidance and help. Federal grant-in-aid funds, amounting to approximately $15,000,000 per annum, have served to implement and make effective the working relationship just described.

All divisions of the Service keep in close contact with the several states in their efforts to eliminate disease and promote health, but one administrative unit in particular, the Division of Domestic Quarantine, commonly called the Division of States Relations, is especially set up for this purpose. This Division advises and cooperates with the state agencies on such subjects as industrial hygiene, malaria control, epidemiology, cancer control, evaluation of health facilities, administrative problems, and other allied topics. To facilitate this type of work, medical officers are detailed for field duty in various states to aid health departments in analyzing problems, drawing plans of action, making surveys, and doing general consultative work. Through this system of Federal and state promotion and support, public health work has rapidly developed respect and admiration in the eyes of the nation.

The regular Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service includes medical, dental, public health engineer, and pharmacist officers appointed by the President by and with the advice of the Senate. Graduates in medicine desirous of undergoing examination for appointment must make an application in their own handwriting to the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., requesting permission to appear before a board of examiners. No applicant is eligible whose age is less than 23 or more than 32 years. Prior to appointment each candidate must pass an examination which is conducted by a board made up entirely of regular commissioned officers. The applicant must pass a thorough physical examination and other written and oral tests to determine his educational knowledge and general fitness to perform the duties of an officer in the Service. Physical soundness is a prerequisite to appointment.

A candidate who has successfully passed these requirements and whose appointment has been properly ratified enters the corps as Assistant Surgeon. During the first few years, he may be assigned successively to a marine hospital, a quarantine station, an immigration station, to the National Institute of Health, to field public health work, and to education and research institutions for special studies. In this way officers are given opportunity to become acquainted with the Service as a whole and to display their interests and capabilities. With the acquisition of knowledge, experience, and advancement in grade, officers are assigned to more exacting duties, and, when thoroughly fitted to assume such responsibilities, they are placed in charge of important activities. The character of assignments depends on personal qualifications, including energy, experience, judgment, professional

skill, dependability, and predilection for a particular kind of work.

Officers in the several grades become eligible for promotion to the next higher grade after stipulated years of employment. When the period for any grade expires and the officer is not qualified for promotion for reasons other than physical disability incurred in the line of duty, the commission is terminated and his relations with the Public Health Service are severed. Thus, a medical officer with energy and ability is assured of promotion at set intervals, and those who do not show evidence of steady professional progress through years of experience are considered undesirable to the organization.

The maximum salary of an Assistant Surgeon is $3,152 per year. The upper salary limit for the highest grade in regular line of promotion, that of Medical Director, is $7,200; it is attained upon completion of 20 years of service. Incidentally, this rank, together with the attached compensation, corresponds to that of a Colonel in the Medical Corps of the Army. During the years between minimum and maximum compensation, there is a gradual increase in pay which is based on three factors: years of employment, grade, and number of dependents. In addition to money income as previously described, the Service affords remunerations of other types. For example, an officer is entitled to one month of annual leave with pay, and this leave of absence is cumulative up to four months. In the course of time one may expect varying periods of incapacity; hence leave with pay when sick or disabled is a feature having distinct value. Medical treatment plus hospitalization also is supplied without cost. Should an officer become permanently unable to perform his duties because of sickness or disability incurred in the line of duty, he is retired and placed on permanent "waiting orders" at three-fourths of his salary. This retirement on "waiting orders" becomes automatic when an officer on active duty reaches the age of 64 years. Other items, such as the provision of instruments, periodicals, books, and the necessities to carry on the work assigned, and transportation for an officer together with his dependents on change of station, have a monetary value; in one sense, they may be regarded as additions to regular compensation. Through an established system of in-service training, officers are given unusual opportunities to familiarize themselves with advances in medical and sanitary sciences. As the needs of the Service require, they are assigned to institutions, laboratories, and special field stations for unusual training, opportunities not afforded by regular facilities.

Within the compass of this article it is not possible to describe in an adequate fashion the work of the United States Public Health Service. From the information given, however, it should be apparent that a career in this organization presents opportunities that are unique. Here, a medical graduate may find the particular type of endeavor to which he is best suited. Administrative positions, clinical medicine, research, and public health work afford a range of choice that is difficult to find elsewhere. An officer is assured of a comfortable living and security against the hazards of disability and old age; he occupies an honorable position in which there is opportunity for intellectual advancement, depending on his ability and application; and he may render distinguished service while establishing a permanent reputation in some field of his chosen profession.

The Author

Joseph W. Mountin was born in 1891. Following his early education, he attended the Marquette University Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1914. Doctor Mountin interned at the Milwaukee County Hospital and the Chicago Lying-In Hospital and later served as Director of the Marquette University Clinic. In 1917 he entered the United States Public Health Service as Assistant Surgeon and served in various capacities, mostly on special assignments with state and local health organizations. Dr. Mountin organized and served as the first director of the Division of Public Health Methods of the National Institute of Health. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon General, in charge of the Division of Domestic Quarantine, on July 15, 1939.

Births

To Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Lehrer, of Wadsworth, Ohio, a son, Henry Robert, July 10, 1938, and a daughter, Helene Elise, September 11, 1939.

To Dr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Wilkinson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a son, Phillip Robert, February 24, 1940.

To Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Terry, of Dallas, Texas, a daughter, Carolyn Elaine, June 12, 1940.

To Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Boswell, of Dallas, Texas, a son, Edwin McKinney, October, 1939.

To Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner, of Dallas, Texas, a son, Charles Hudson, Jr., February 18, 1940.

To Dr. and Mrs. Harold B. Rice, of Detroit, Michigan, a daughter, Gail Ann, March 21, 1940.

Marriages

Oscar A. Hamilton, *Alpha Omicron*, to Miss Utha Winfrey, in Waco, Texas, May 24, 1940.

Creig Hoyt, *Lambda Phi*, to Miss Ruth Edice Houk, at Grove City, Pa., June 18, 1940.

Richard C. Deming, *Zeta*, to Miss Charlotte Culver, of Coldwater, Mich.

Arthur L. Foley, *Zeta*, to Miss Edith Butler, of Geneva, N. Y.

Arby L. Bailey, *Zeta*, to Miss Helene Kochis, of Greenville, Pa.

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tion with universities in the attainment of educational ideals, in the promotion of high professional ethics, and in the advancement of scholastic excellence.

6. To promote a spirit of comity, understanding, and co-operation between all college fraternities and to work in harmony with them in an endeavor to provide constructive solutions of the problems involving their relationship and operation.

7. To provide means for the determination of the major principles of professional fraternity organization, policy, and operation and through mutual action endeavor to effect their observance.

8. To promote the observance of high ideals and ethics on the part of professional fraternities and to assist in the establishment and observance of high standards on the part of their individual chapters.

9. To assist the professional fraternity to prove of value and benefit to its individual members and through this means aid the individual member to attain a full measure of professional success.

10. To clarify the distinction between the professional, the general, and the honorary fraternity, thereby assisting each type of organization to perform more fully and effectively its particular function in our system of university education.

Chapter Eternal

Robert Francis Kile, *Lambda Phi*, died at his home in San Francisco on January 31, 1940, of cardio-vascular disease, at the age of 51 years. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1919 and in 1921 went to San Francisco, where he practiced the specialty of Roentgenology until a few weeks before his death. His birthplace and preliminary education were at Lincoln, Kansas.

Dr. Kile was always active in the Fraternity, both as an undergraduate and later when he assisted in the organization of the Golden Gate Alumni Chapter, which sponsored Alpha Zeta Chapter at Stanford University. He was Councilor of the Pacific District in 1923.

It was characteristic of him to request that at his funeral, instead of flowers, an equivalent sum be donated to the Stanford Convalescent Home for Children.

Timothy J. Moynihan, *Theta Tau*, of St. Paul, Minnesota, died on March 9, 1940. Dr. Moynihan graduated from the Minneapolis College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1906.

Lee Russell Ranck, a charter member of Lambda Phi Chapter, died at his home in Milton, Pa., on November 14, 1939.

Frank P. Norman, *Chi Beta*, died at City Hospital, Columbus, Ga., March 17, after a long illness. He was born in West Point, Ga., April 21, 1886, and had practiced in Columbus for the past fifteen years. A prominent church worker, he was a member of Masonic bodies, of the American Legion, and of the American and Georgia Medical Associations. He graduated from Emory University Medical School in 1910 and served his internship at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

Burt H. Hardinger, *Gamma*, died on February 4, 1940, at the age of 47 years. His boyhood was spent in Gays, Illinois. After graduating from Mattoon (Illinois) High School, he enrolled in the medical college of the University of Illinois. He later transferred to the University of Chicago and graduated from Rush Medical College in 1916.

After serving his internship at Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Dr. Hardinger started in practice at Mattoon, Illinois. He later enlisted in the U. S. Army Medical Corps and was assigned to duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the rank of first lieutenant. He returned to practice in 1919 and continued up to the time of his death.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and of the Illinois State Medical Society, and had been a delegate to several state conventions. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, and Forty and Eight.

Death was due to diabetes and complications.

Russell C. Lichtenfels, *Chi*, died recently while vacationing in Florida. He graduated from the School of Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh in 1912. He then spent several years in the Hawaiian Islands, where he was a first lieutenant at Schofield Army Post during the World War. Since 1923, Dr. Lichtenfels had practiced in Pitcairn, Pa. He was fifty years of age.

J. Irwin Zerbe, *Lambda Phi*, of Franklin, Pa., died suddenly on June 16, 1940, following a heart attack. Dr. Zerbe was born in Sacramento, Pa., in 1879. He graduated in medicine from the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia in 1907. Since 1934, he had held the position of coroner for Venango County, Pa. Dr. Zerbe was active in American Legion and Masonic affairs and was a prominent Rotarian.

Rexwald Brown, *Alpha*, prominent Santa Barbara surgeon, died at his home early in July, 1940, following an illness lasting several years.

Dr. Brown was born in Joliet, Ill., in 1878. He graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1903 and served as intern under Dr. J. B. Murphy in Chicago. Early in his career, he chose Santa Barbara as his place of residence and endeared himself to his fellow-citizens not only by his professional but also by his numerous civic activities. Among the latter were terms of office as president of the city planning commission, president of the board of health, and chairman of the county probation committee. Besides his civilian practice, Dr. Brown served in the medical department of the Army through two wars. He was a member of a long list of professional and civic societies, in many of which he held important offices.

Kenneth M. Davenport, *Zeta*, of Watertown, N. Y., died on February 15, 1940. Dr. Davenport was overcome by smoke while attempting to rescue his wife and children from their burning home, and his death is attributable directly to this experience.

Dr. Davenport was born in London, England, and received his early education at Rugby and at the Lawrenceville Academy in this country. He graduated in medicine from the University of Michigan and served his internship at the University Hospital. Specializing in Dermatology, he became senior instructor at his Alma Mater and later entered private practice in Rochester, N. Y. Later, he entered the United States Public Health Service and was stationed in Hot Springs, Ark. In 1939, he returned to private practice, this time in Watertown, N. Y. At the time of his death, Dr. Davenport was 39 years of age.

Solomon S. Lee, *Zeta*, a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1898, died at his home in Lowell on March 21, 1940.

Richard E. Stoner, *Kappa*, died in Cincinnati on April 20, 1940, of complications following a mastoidectomy. Dr. Stoner received his medical degree from Western Reserve University in 1937, spent two years at Cleveland City Hospital, and at the time of his death was assistant resident in Medicine at Cincinnati General Hospital.

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